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SITREP NO 13

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ASEC, AR
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF US OFFICIAL

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1. AT 1140 HOURS AMBASSADOR HILL RETURNED FROM 1 1/2 HOUR
MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH ADDITIONAL DETILS AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTS THAT POLICE FILES INDICATE TWO OF
THE PRISONERS (STENFERN AND SILVA) WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN
KIDNAPPED, FIRST IN OCT 1974 AND THE SECOND IN THE CURRENT
MONTH. POLICE INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE
AUTHORS OF THE KIDNAPPINGS AND NO INFORMATION AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THE TWO. (NOTE. THIS DCOUBTLESS MEANS THAT THE TWO WERE
MURDERED BY ONE OF THE PARA-POLICE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE AAA).

B. BOTH THE ARMY AND THE PROVINCIAL POLICE IN TUCUMAN HAVE
INDICATED THAT THE OTHER TWO PRISONERS (MEDINA AND DIAZ) DO NOT

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APPEAR ON THEIR LIST OF THOSE IN CUSTODY. HOWEVER, BOTH HAVE INDICATED IT IS POSSIBLE THE TWO ARE INCLUDED AMONG A NUMBER OF PRISONERS WHO HAVE JUST BEEN TAKEN AND WHO ARE BEING PROCESSED AND WHOSE NAMES DO NOT YET APPEAR ON ANY LIST. ARMY AND PROVINCIAL POLICE ARE CHECKING URGENTLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS THE CASE. (NOTE. DAO SOURCES HAVE INDICATED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT CHECKS HAVE BEEN RUN AND TWO ARE NOT RPT NOT AMONG THOSE IN CUSTODY.)

C. FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES AND INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA ARE IN URGENT SESSION WITH MRS PERON AT THIS MOMENT TO CONSIDER WHAT POSITION GOA SHOULD TAKE ON THIS MATTER.

D. MATTER OF STALLING TACTICS IS BEING CONSIDERED AND DECISION SHOULD COME OUT OF ABOVE MENTIONED MEETING. AMBASSADOR HILL PASSED ON DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. AMBASSADOR HILL ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR MOLINA SALAS WILL CONFER WITH INTERIOR MINISTER ROCAMORA AS SOON AS MEETING WITH MRS PERON BREAKS UP.
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